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News of Our Boys

Wm. Steele Jr. arrived home from overseas recently.

Albert Bacon got home from overseas last week after being away almost three years.

Clarence Carter arrived home on Dec. 5th on ten days leave from the Greenwood air station, N.S.

Leslie Elliott accompanied by his wife was home from a B.C. air station on leave recently and was on his way to a station at Fort Nelson.

RADIOGRAMS

Before wartime broadcasting restrictions took effect, CICA carried a program designed primarily to serve listeners whose duties called them to remote areas of northern Alberta.

The program has been revised to meet the needs of the day and is now back on the air—bigger and better than ever.

To begin with, the program reaches far beyond the area covered in pre-war days, by means of Short Wave VEBAL. Today Canada's great northwest has many populated areas that were practically non-existent before the war. Points like Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Aklavik, Norman Wells and Yellowknife are flourishing communities. Thousands of Canadians and Americans are scattered at remote posts from Nome to Churchill; from Coppermine to Tupper Creek.

"Hello, the North" will give them an opportunity to hear the voices of their loved ones from Edmonton. Besides, they will get the latest in the news world. Request numbers will be played. There will be a special salute to Yellowknife.

In fact, the entire 90-minute program is designed to prove entertaining to all and of special interest to all whose duties have placed them at the fringes of civilization.

It is heard every Saturday evening commencing at 11:30.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

There will be two more issues this year of the Times, Dec. 14th and Dec. 21st.

Mr. Carter will have suitable greetings ready for the Dec. 21st issue which will be known as the "Christmas Greeting Issue."

Following our usual custom there will be no paper printed Xmas week December 25th.

"There is nothing that concerns the welfare of mankind that is not the concern of the Christian church."—Rev. Kenneth Taylor, O.B.E.

MAIL EARLY FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Post Offices in Canada will this year be closed all day on Xmas and New Year's Day. It is therefore more important than ever that Greetings and Gifts be mailed earlier.

Your Post Office is facing a tremendous flood of Xmas mails—you can help maintain efficient mail service by simply addressing and packing your mail properly and MAILING EARLY. It is in your own interest to co-operate.

For outside covering use heavy wrapping paper clearly addressed and securely tied with cord (not string). Pack your parcel as though it were to be the bottom one of a dozen or more in the mail-sack—which may weigh as much as 50 pounds. Railway Postal clerks are very busy people at this time of the year and when the string on your parcel won't hold it's own weight without breaking, then it is very likely that the contents of your parcel will end up at the Dead Letter Office among thousands of others—without an owner.

Business letters and other first class mail intended for prompt dispatch by first train must be posted in the letter box well in advance of closing times which are as follows: Eastbound 10:15 A.M. Westbound 4:15 P.M. Sacks are closed and locked promptly at these times regardless of whether or not trains are late.

Christmas and New Year Cards—Letter rate if sent in sealed envelopes—one cent if sent unenclosed or in open envelopes without correspondence other than seasonal greeting not exceeding five words.

—Irma Post Office Staff.

A JEEP ON THE FARM

The agricultural jeep was put on display by the manufacturers at the central experimental farm in attendance to witness the event. The speed transmission has been lowered from that of the military jeep and added are: speed controlling governor, a belt pulley, a draw bar and a power take-off. In the demonstration the jeep pulled from its draw bar a plow, seed drill and disk harrow in turn. Its belt pulley was used to operate a silo filler and a circular saw while its power take-off was employed to operate a sprayer. On the front of the jeep was a winch devised to enable it to pull itself from mud holes or ditches or to pull another unit towards it.

"A high corporation tax is in essence an unpaid tax, especially as applied to mining."—Senator Thomas A. Crerar.

INFLATIONARY PRESSURES GREATER NOW THAN DURING WAR. DECLARES BANK OF MONTREAL PRESIDENT

Montreal, Dec. 3—George W. Spinney, president of the Bank of Montreal, told shareholders at their recent 128th annual meeting that inflationary pressures were greater now than at any time during the war and urged continued voluntary restraint as a means of offsetting this danger to the nation's economy. He declared that it was desirable to have some of the wartime controls remain in operation, but that these controls should be constantly watched to make certain that they do not interfere with rapid reconversion to peacetime economy.

Speaking at the same meeting, B. C. Gardiner, general manager, reviewed the most active year in the history of the bank and told of the B of M's contribution to the financing of the war effort and of the many "human relationships" arising out of the financial problems of customers, both of large and small means, particularly the latter.

Mr. Spinney said he knew of no better stimulus to production than healthy competitive effort, free from unnecessary restrictions, seeking to fulfill the myriad desires of consumers at home and abroad. "As never before," he said, "Canadian business and industry in the years immediately ahead will need men with new ideas and with the capacity to put these ideas into effect."

Speaking of social security projects and suggestions, Mr. Spinney said it would be very nice if "we could all live on government checks, but life on this planet being what it is, someone has to plough and reap, to plan and build, to exercise qualities of initiative, foresight and purpose. Such a purpose is the totality of productive effort can for material welfare and economic security."

"Nothing could be further from my intent," he continued, "than to argue that social security measures are without value to the community, but," he added, "we would deceive ourselves and others if we accept and propogate the idea that security can emanate effortlessly from govt., acting in the role of benevolent and bountiful provider. Government can distribute no benefits that individuals through their labor, do not provide."

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND NEEDED

Toronto—Nov. 19th.—In response to a plea from Mrs. George Vanier, wife of the Canadian Ambassador to France, the Save the Children Fund (Canadian Committee) is launching a campaign at once to raise funds for the shipment of 5,000 additional gallons of cod liver oil for the children of Europe. One thousand gallons have already been shipped and distributed, Hon. Mr. Justice J. C. McRuer, chairman of the Canadian Committee, said today.

"I beg of you to do everything in your power to have as much shipped to France as soon as possible," wrote Mrs. Vanier. Save the Children Committees in Europe are arranging its wise distribution where most needed. Scott Montgomery, secretary of the Canadian Committee, said that two and a half tons of cod liver oil are also being shipped to the London Save the Children Committee, for distribution among children in Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg, and Czechoslovakia. A special team of British Save the Children Fund workers is enroute to Germany to work among displaced persons there.

Cost of 5,000 gallons of cod liver oil is \$15,500 and friends of Save the Children Fund all over Canada are asked to send contributions to Canadian headquarters of the fund, 320 Bay Street, Toronto, or to their local branch committee.

"Every time that you come to church you are casting a vote for what the church stands for in the world."—Rev. Dr. A. Lloyd Smith.

Items From Kinsella District

The well drillers and their wives and families, who have been in Kinsella for some time, have moved to Minburn.

Mrs. N. Smith of Edmonton, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Olsenberg.

A garage is being erected in the Kinsella school yard, for the use of the school buses.

A well is also being drilled by Mr. T. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Mark went to Edmonton last week to attend the wedding of Elvin Arnold Christenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Christenson of Jarow, and Laurita Anita Girard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Girard of Wainwright.

A number of Kinsella W.I. members attended the Viking W.I. Banquet held at the Viking Hotel Saturday, Dec. 1st, at the kind invitation of the Viking W.I.

The regular infant and preschool clinic of the Holden Health Unit is held on the second Thursday of every month, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Kinsella hotel. The next clinic is on December 13. Parents are invited to bring their children in for inspection, advice and immunization.

SOME WEATHER PROPHECY

The following piece of humor was written some 85 years ago by David Locke (1833-1888).

Locke was the Will Rogers of his period and wrote under the assumed name of Petroleum Vesuvius Naseby.

The story found favor with Lincoln and became known as Lincoln's Jackass story. It is just as good today as the day it was written.

By Petroleum V. Naseby

Once there was a king who hired a fisherman to catch fish for him. He noticed that the fisherman's best fish place was high onto where his best gal lived. So he aimed to wear him his best clothes. So he called in his prophet and he says "Prophet, hit a comin' on to rain!" And the prophet says "No, king, hit ain't a comin' on to rain, not even a sizzle-sizzle." So the king he put on his best clothes and he got his fishin' tackle and he started down the road towards the fishin' place and he met a farmer ridin' a jackass. And the farmer says "King, if ye hain't aimin' to get yore clothes wetted, ye'd best turn back for hit's a comin' on to rain, a trash-mover and a gully-washer." But the king drewed himself up and he says "Farmer, I hired me a high-wage prophet to prophet me my weather and he lows how hit hain't a comin' on to rain, not even a frog-duster."

So the king he went a fishin' and hit come on to rain a clod-buster and a chunk-mover. And the king's clothes was wetted and they shrunk on him, and the king's best gal she seen him and laughed and the king was wroth and he went home and throwed out his prophet and he says "Farmer, I throwed out my other prophet and I aim to hire you to prophet me my weather now on'ards." And the farmer says "King, I hain't no prophet. All I done this evening was to look at my jackass' ears. For hit's a comin' on to rain his ears lops down and the harder hit's a comin' on the lower they lays and this evenin' they was a layin' and a lopin'." And the king says "Go home, farmer. I'll hire me the jackass." (And that's how it happened. And the jackasses have been holdin' down all the high wage government jobs ever since.)

—Contributed.

News To Har

There is a lot of talk about unemployment since the war ended, but mother just yawns. A mother who does her own housework, gets the children ready for school, mends their torn clothing, washes stacks of dishes and picks up their things after dad and the young'uns leave them strewn around isn't interested in gab about unemployment.—Baudette Region.

Wedding Bells

ROSE—RUNYON

In the manse of McDougall United church on Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Miss Elinor Elizabeth Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rose of Edmonton, was married to Mr. Marv Alexander Runyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Runyon of Viking. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. K. McInnis.

The bride, given in marriage by Mr. E. J. Body, wore a gold dressmaker suit with black accessories and a corsage of red roses.

Mrs. C. Barry Murphy attended the bride as matron of honor. She was in a plum dress-maker suit with which she wore brown accessories and a corsage of baby chrysanthemums.

Mr. Kenneth Hilliker was best man.

Mrs. Rose, mother of the bride, wore a gray suit with contrasting black accessories and a corsage of roses. Mrs. Runyon, the bridegroom's mother, was in wine crepe a two piece model with black accessories and a corsage of roses.

The couple will make their home in Edmonton.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Runyon, the bridegroom's parents; Mr. and Mrs. Hilliker and Lynn.—Journal

PRESENT MALTING BARLEY SITUATION TEMPORARY

The present price system whereby producers of feed barleys receive the same equalization fund payments as producers of malting barley, is temporary and concerns this year's crop. In a letter from the Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Min. of Agri., which was read at a special meeting of the Marketing Committee of the National Barley and Linseed Producers' Association, Prof. T. J. Harrison, it was stated: "This is only a temporary thing having to do with this year's crop. It will be made very plain before the seeding of the next crop that farmers cannot rely upon this price for any barley other than malting barley." The Committee reviewed the present barley situation and was pleased to have the assurance of the Hon. J. G. Gardiner that the price situation is temporary and that farmers will be informed officially to this effect. Although the current shortage of feed has prevented the export of malting barley farmers would be well advised to at least maintain and even expand the production of malting varieties for which malting premiums will again be paid.

"I am here pleading for my soldiers, pleading for my men. They feel, and I feel, that the present point system is not satisfactory and is giving preference to men who have spent more time in Canada than they have overseas."—Major General G. R. Pearkes, M.P., V.C.

EYES EXAMINED: GLASSES FITTED

Thos. G. Dark, registered optometrist and eye sight specialist, will make his next visit to:

HOLDEN Drug, Tuesday, December 18, 11 to 12 a.m.

VIKING Drug, Tuesday, December 18, 1 to 3 p.m.

IRMA Drug, Tuesday, December 18, 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Wm. KRAUSE, Optometrist

Of Vermilion, Alta.

will be at

VIKING Hotel, Monday, p.m., December 17.

BRUCE Hotel, Tuesday, a.m., December 18.

IRMA, Mrs. Bert Long's, Thursday, p.m., December 20.

KINSELLA Hotel, Thursday, a.m., December 20.

At the Churches

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, December 9
Strawberry Plains—Sunday school and public worship at 11:00 a.m.
Albert—Public worship 2 p.m.
Alma Mater—Public worship at 4:00 p.m.
Irma—Sunday school 11:00 a.m.
Public worship 7:30 p.m.
A hearty welcome to all.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

Irma Tabernacle—Bible school at 2:15 p.m.; gospel service 3:30 p.m.
Education Point—Bible school at 11:00 a.m.
Jarow—Bible school 2:15 p.m.
Hardisty, Oddfellows' Hall—Gospel service at 8:30 p.m.
A hearty welcome to all.
December 16—The Christmas program in Irma at 3 p.m.
"See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that speaketh on earth much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven." Heb. 12:25

REBATE ON FEED WHEAT

Government regulations have been changed with the drawback of 25 cents a bushel on wheat having a value of 4 Northern or less purchased for feeding purposes. Effective November 1st, 1945, the feeder must be the holder of either a Canadian Wheat Board delivery permit or a feed wheat purchase permit before he can obtain the 25-cent rebate.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

If you have a bottle of shellac that has "gone" solid, dilute it with nail polish remover in the bottle and let it stand a day or two. The shellac will then be in a liquid state and can be used for its original purpose. This is a very valuable hint. I find that it also removes paint from the edges of mirrors and windows.

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ROYAL YEAST CAKES

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY—

..And She Be Fair

By DAY RUSSELL

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The grandmother lady was not a person you could ignore. There was a serenity about her that was almost a kind of radiance. She sat, her black-gloved hands crossed on her lap, in the corner of one of the heavy oak double-sized benches that hyped the length of the art gallery. She gazed quietly at one picture.

The gallery was exhibiting the collection of Harvey J. Collinson, the city's wealthiest citizen, lately deceased. He had collected art, at first with zest and later with discrimination, and he had bequeathed his collection to the city. Now it was being exhibited, old masters and modern, each in their separate rooms, and the rest, a mixed bag of unknowns, in this gallery where the old lady sat.

She had been the first in on this weekday morning but now students were coming in. Two of the older ones, a boy and a girl, sat down on the bench where the old lady sat.

"They should have thrown out some of the stuff in this room too," the boy said at the arrogant stage of his convictions.

"And she be fair," read the girl aloud, "Vivian Gray, never heard of him."

"Never," said the boy. "Didn't they just love to throw a young girl down on a bank of flowers and paint her all sweetness and light?"

"But she is lovely," said the girl slowly.

The boy nodded with superiority. "Clever of him to give her that Greek close-curl hair. Doesn't date her. Idealized sentiment. But she was never like that."

"But she was!" They started as the old lady turned to them. "You see, I knew her."

Awkwardly, to save fumbling for a reply, they turned to look at the picture again. It was a huge canvas in which a little girl, young and lovely, lay in a patch of mottled sunlight against the shadow of a woodland glade.

"Look at the perfect detail," said the girl.

"Detail doesn't count. Might just as well have a color photograph," said the boy.

"But no," said the old lady, quietly. "No! Can't you see? She is in love."

"Yes," breathed the girl. "Did you know the artist too?"

"Yes. Very well. He painted that picture fifty years ago . . . in this city."

The boy spoke. "But nobody ever heard of him."

"It was harder for artists in those days. There was no interest in art."

"No interest?" said the boy quickly. "Collinson bought that picture and I'll bet he paid a pretty price for it."

"Twenty dollars," said the old lady sadly. "That was the first picture he bought, that started his collection. He had to buy others . . . more and more to make that girl seem smaller and less disturbing."

There was a puzzled expression on the girl's face. "But I don't see . . ."

The old lady went on. "In a way it was that picture that gave this collection to the city."

"A million dollar collection," said the boy.

"And it was because of that picture Harvey Collinson bought the picture. So in a way she gave birth to this collection."

The old lady seemed to search her mind for a date, "1893," she said softly. "That was the year the artist came back from Paris. He had been left some money when he went to Paris and stayed there until his money was gone. He and Harvey Collinson had been at school together but Harvey had left school at fourteen to work in his father's machine shop. By the time the artist returned from Paris, Harvey had taken over the business and moved into a brick building. He was full of ambition. He was also engaged to the girl."

The girl whispered. "That is why she looks so happy."

"No," said the old lady. "When the artist returned she broke the engagement. Harvey wouldn't let her go without a fight. He said he would give her everything she could want. He asked what the artist could give her."

"What did the artist say?" the girl hung on the reply.

"He laughed and said, 'I will paint her picture and the one thing every woman is afraid to lose, her youth.'"

The old lady lifted her hand as if to show the two young people how true those words had been.

"Then he quoted that line of Keats . . ."

"Forever will thou love and she be fair."

The boy leaned forward. "Forever she'll be fair. He was right. It is in the girl, the 'sweetest youth,' still perfect, while the artist is forgotten and Collinson is dead."

The old lady waited a moment before she spoke. "Harvey Collinson was angry. He said she was a fool to marry an artist . . . That painting he wouldn't pay their bills. Who did they suppose would buy it?"

"Not you," said the artist. "We'd have to be starving before I'd sell it to you."

The girl whispered the next words. "And he paid only twenty dollars for it."

The old lady lifted her hand again. "It doesn't seem to matter now, does it?"

The boy frowned. "And he never painted another picture anybody ever heard of . . . I don't understand. How could he paint like that and yet nobody ever heard of him as a painter?"

"Sometimes," said the old lady. "I think that fame and love are like oil and water. They do not go together."

She gathered her coat about her and rose. She stood for a moment before the picture. As she turned to go she looked down at the young lovers.

"But we were very happy."

VERY UNREASONABLE

The man who was applying for a summons against the people next door was very angry.

"What's the trouble?" asked the magistrate's clerk.

"Every night this week they have been banging on the wall and yelling at me till two o'clock in the morning."

"Dear, dear. And does the noise keep you awake?"

"No," explained the applicant; "but I can't enjoy my piano-playing with all that noise going on."

No alphabet exists for most of the scores of dialects spoken by Mexican Indians.

Alarming Increase

Prairie Provinces Had More Safe-Breaking Cases During 1944-45

The return of prosperity to the prairie provinces in recent years apparently proved tempting to the safe-breaking fraternity, for in the years 1944-45 yeggs "blew" or tampered with safes in 68 places of business in the three provinces.

Only other cases of safebreaking reported in Canada in that period occurred in Nova Scotia. The total of 69 was an increase of 41 over the preceding year and is the highest since 1940.

Of the 68 cases recorded in the prairies, 46 were in Alberta, 11 in Saskatchewan and 11 in Manitoba. Commissioner S. T. Wood, R.C.M.P. head, said that "special measures" to combat safebreaking are continually being placed in operation. "We had reduced the number of safe-breaking cases to less than 30 a year, but evidently the more prosperous conditions in the west have been too hard to resist for some people. We're hoping it will not be long before the number of cases is down again."



BYRNE HOPE SANDERS, Director of Consumer Branch

Wartime Prices and Trade Board Miss Sanders is at present in Western Canada addressing women's organizations and members of Consumer Branch Committees on women's part in the fight against inflation.

The Canadian Shield

In Ancient Times Was A Land Of Large Volcanoes

What is the Canadian Shield? Here is the answer which the geologists of the Royal Ontario Museum give to this question. It is an area of ancient rocks that underlies about one-half of Canada. It is called a shield because it has in a broad way the shape of a low dome with later rocks around its rim. It is the largest shield in the world.

The old-fashioned shield carried by warriors. The rocks run in age from about two billion years to 500 million years and it is required about three-quarters of a geological time for them to form. The Shield was, in ancient times, a land of numerous and large volcanoes, it was a land of mountains and violent earthquakes, but the mountains and volcanoes have been worn away to mere stumps of their former grandeur by the action of water and glacial action. In contrast to the early conditions, this great area is now free from earthquakes than any other area of its size in the world. There are no signs of much primitive life, mainly plants, in the Shield, but few fossils of animals. It is one of the great sources of metals because of an abundance of igneous rocks, but it lacks coal and oil which were not formed until later times.

Rocks like those of the Shield underlie much of North America and are drilled deep enough on the prairies or in southern Ontario such rocks would be found under the sediments.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Always Bears Load

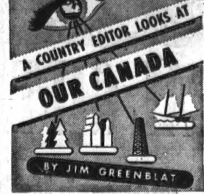
Whenever Trouble Starts Britain Has To Carry Burden

The trouble in Java is the old story of Great Britain and British troops having to carry the burden. Where the Dutch failed to keep order among the Indonesian Nationalists, the British had to come along and see about it. When the natives murdered Brig. A. W. F. Mallaby while he was arranging a truce, they went out of their way to ask for trouble.

It has been the same old story through the centuries. Other nations have been critical of Britain, others have said Britain should do this or that, but when trouble flares, everyone sits back and lets Britain do the hard work. British troops have to go in and quell the riots. British officers are the ones who get murdered. And, all the time that is being done, too many others are content to snipe at Britain and make vociferous declarations against what they term British Imperialism.—Windsor Star.

NO PLACE FOR GUNS

The Minister of Defence has stated that no more guns will be appropriated to communities for setting out in parks. It is just as well, says the Port Arthur News-Chronicler. There is something incongruous in the spectacle of guns in such places. They are not even an ornament. Many people have objected and they are not far wrong.



A COUNTRY EDITOR LOOKS AT OUR CANADA BY JIM GREENBLAT

★ The people of Yarrow, B.C., each week slaughter four cattle, can the meat in jars (4000 have already been done so far) and have it government inspected and then it is shipped for relief to Europe. Each jar is labelled: "Food for Relief, in the Name of Christ. The contents of this container were derived from animals or poultry which were owned, fed, slaughtered and processed by me and I hereby certify they are wholesome and fit for human food and donated for relief purposes. These contents are not for sale." The donor's name and address is signed. The work is done entirely by men at the Yarrow Growers' herry plant. Verily, our hats off to Yarrow, Canadians and humanitarians.

★ Bits from here and there: Rationing is not new. At Fort Edmonton in 1858 it was seven lbs. of buffalo meat each day per person. . . 150 residents of the Venn (Sask.) community met Nov. 5 to honor a Chinese merchant leaving the community; there was whist and lunch, and Tom Yee was presented with a purse of money. . . George Gustafson shot a coon, 3 ft. in length which he caught invading his chicken run at Wildwood, B.C. . . a vicious chicken hawk attacked Wilfred Schroeder at Hawkend, Ont., after it had been injured by a shotgun blast, stealing chickens in his yard. . . Looking among documents in the town hall at Stewartville, Ont. P. J. Lindsay found an old letter from the use of July 23, 1888, by J. A. Macdonald, former editor of the Ampror Chronicle. . . Looks like the old grey mare what you used to be, says the Watrous, Manitou, because at Bruce Gill's sale, a team of horses sold for \$30 and cows up to \$118. A farm woman drove up to Victory Loan headquarters at Peace River, Alta., poured a gunny sack of silver on the table, asked for \$1,500 worth of Victory Bonds; represented lifetime savings from selling eggs and milk.

★ Labor and capital in this country must both learn that this is one world. Both will be lucky to maintain their present positions rather than improve them. This is no time for strikes or lockouts. Rather should management and workmen seek mutual opportunity to work and earn through co-operation and good will. Only thus can the reconversion of factories to full production be hastened.—Midland Free Press.

★ At Yarmouth, N.S., the Herald-Telegram draws the fact that in the recent election one-fourth of the electors in the constituency neglected to vote, saying: "I . . . am symptoms of a distinctly unhealthy and alarming attitude of mind toward public affairs. That this condition is general and by no means confined to Yarmouth county is neither surprising nor cause for self-congratulation. Are we becoming a people who will defend free government with our treasure and our blood—and then recklessly fling it away by our selfish intolerance and indifference."

★ The Drumheller, Alta., Board of Trade has been advised by the Minister of Reconstruction at Ottawa, that he is considering the proposal that one or more of Germany's synthetic oil plants be secured to be re-established in one of Alberta's coal fields.

The Port Of Bordeaux

Traffic Will Soon Exceed That Of Pre-War Days

Bordeaux, huge Atlantic seaport of France, is gradually resuming its normal appearance and expects soon to handle more traffic than in pre-war days when its average monthly shipments totalled some 400,000 tons.

Used by the Germans as a submarine base and shipyard, Bordeaux itself endured a minimum of German vandalism.

Prompted to evacuate hastily at the time of liberation, the Nazis had no time to blow up valuable port installations, but they did succeed in bottling up the harbor channels by means of numerous magnetic mines to prevent passage up the Gironde estuary.

The annual revenue of daily newspapers in Canada is seven times that of all magazines combined, according to the 1945 Report on Printing Trades.

Outstandingly Good

"GALAXY" TEA

Not An Easy Job

Trying To Break Any Speed Record Is Risky Business

Either on the water, on land or in the air, those who attempt to break speed records certainly risk their necks. A most intriguing story comes from England about what an airman goes through, at 400 miles an hour, or better, miles a minute.

This writer brings to attention what is known as the "g" factor or element, and notes that the extent of the speed depends on the rate of speed. A 12 st. pilot, at a certain speed, experiences "g2," which means that his weight is doubled. At still higher speed he may experience "g7," which would cause a 12 st. pilot actually to weigh over half a ton. The principle is a simple one—weight multiplied by velocity. Its primitive example is a bucket of water swung round on a rope at a speed that prevents the water spilling.

The water in the bucket multiplies its weight. Remember, too, that the plane is subject to just the same "g" factor. At certain high velocity the "g" factor makes the pilot's blood about the same weight as iron. Reflect what that must mean even momentarily to his heart. In certain rare reverse "g" cases there is negative action. A pilot's eyes have actually been forced out of the sockets. Record-breaking is not all beer and skittles.—St. Catharines Standard.

SMILE AWHILE

The hardest time to get baby to sleep is when she is 18.

"Why do you have such a high bed for your little boy?"

"So that we can hear him if he falls out of it."

"A clever man tells a woman he understands her; a stupid one tries to prove it."

"Doctor, I don't drink or smoke or chase around with women—I live 100 years!"

"No," replied the medic, "but I'll see like it."

Jack: "Let's give the bride a shower."

John: "Count me in—I'll bring the soap!"

First Student—"The Principal says he is going to stop smoking in the college."

Second Student—"Huh! Next thing he'll be asking us to stop it, too."

Mother—"Marilyn, were you a good little girl at church today?"

Marilyn—"Yes, mother. A man offered me a big plate of money, and I said, 'No, thank you.'"

"Has she kept her girlish figure?"

"Kept it? Man, she has doubled it."

"I had a surprise this morning," remarked the business man. "I put on another suit, and in one of the pockets found a big roll of bills, which I had entirely forgotten."

Asked a pessimist: "Were any of them receipts?"

The grocer was making out a list of his requirements to send to his wholesalers.

"Bill," he shouted to his assistant, "do we want any new-hand eggs?"

"No, sir, we've enough to last a month or more."

A woman looks at a secret in two ways—either it is not worth keeping, or it is too good to be kept.



THE "CYCLING MINSTREL"—It's a common misconception among people who first meet G. Harrison Randall, 31, the Fredericton Hill-Billy, that he travelled 11,250 miles to Vancouver on a bicycle. Actually, he made the trip on two harmonicas. G. Harrison, who has played 755 shows for servicemen, left Fredericton in May, 1942, "three years and five months ago," with his trusty wheel and about 200 pounds of baggage. He's pushed this load from the Atlantic to the Pacific, often detouring through the U.S. In January he's setting off for Hollywood where he hopes to pose for a few pictures. From Hollywood the cycling wanderer will head for Miami, then up to Charleston to see his fiancée and then to New Brunswick.

Roquefort Cheese

Story Of How This Type Of Cheese Came To Be Made

The Roquefort type of cheese is now made in many parts of the world but it is named for a cave in France where it is supposed to have originated. The story is that a shepherd boy tending his flock in the vicinity of Roquefort caves placed his lunch of barley bread and native cheese in the cool of one of the caves until noon. However, his flock wandered afar and several weeks passed before it returned to the spot. Remembering the lunch, the shepherd was surprised to find the barley bread covered with black mould and the cheese variegated with veined green mould. He tasted the cheese and, finding it delicious, placed the lunch he was carrying that day in the cave for further investigation.

His discovery was noted by the Congreg monks of that region and they are given the credit for developing Roquefort cheese through the use of mould from this cave.

INTERIOR STRATEGY

The New York Herald Tribune says Germany was full of militarily effective, even revolutionary, ideas, but each of them—jet planes, high-speed U-boats, V-weapons, super-tanks—ended to get in the way of the other; none was used to its full potentialities, and it seems clear that the overall pattern of German strategy was markedly inferior to that of the western Allies or of Russia.

The city of Kuwatt, Iran, with a population of 80,000, has to depend solely on water shipped 250 miles in barges from Baza, Iraq.

The population of Egypt is about 16,000,000.

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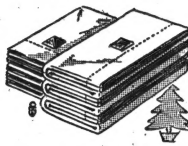
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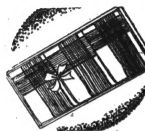
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These sleepers for the little tots are fleece lined to make them cozy and warm. Colors are blue and pink. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Priced at 1.19

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ADVERTISING FOR A JOB. IS NOW PERMITTED

Job-hunters are now free to offer their services and outline their qualifications by advertising in whatever newspapers they desire, it was recently announced in a circular letter issued by the Dept. of Labour.

In this connection it was further explained that interested employers may now communicate with a prospective employee by means of a box number, or in any other manner preferred by the advertiser, instead of channeling their requests through the nearest local Employment Office, as the

civilian manpower regulations obligated them to do in the past. No contacts need be made by such employers with Government officials; they may answer advertisements, arrange interviews and even hire a man if he seems satisfactory entirely on their own initiative. There is only one remaining condition, and that applies to the advertiser. He must still obtain a permit, it was stated, before taking a job.

**SINGLE LICENSE PLATE
WILL BE USED NEXT YEAR**
Single license plates will be displayed on Alberta motor cars in the new license period opening

next April 1, according to information received by the Alberta Motor association from the provincial secretary's department.

The single plate was restored during the past year, after the sticker system was tried out for a year as a war measure.

Officials say that the new 1946-47 plates have been ordered and they will be available to applicants in good time before April 1.

When the old two plate system will be restored is a question, though there are some suggestions that it will come into effect in the 1947-48 period, as more steel will be available then for civilian needs.

LOCALS

At the last meeting of the Irma Branch Can. Legion, a committee was appointed to assist returned men to become re-established in civilian life. Before taking any steps towards re-establishment, a returned man would be well advised to contact the Legion committee and thereby save time and save making mistakes as many are doing.

A wire was received at Irma last Wednesday morning, Dec. 5th that Mr. Dean Stinson had passed away at Dapp, Alta. Mr. and Mrs. Stinson and children moved to Dapp about a year ago where he had acquired some farm land. No particulars of his death nor funeral arrangements are known at this time.

Mr. Harold Barber went to an Edmonton hospital last week where he was to have an appendix operation.

Mr. A. C. Milne took over his former job as grain buyer at Irma for the United Grain Growers Ltd. the first of this month.

Mrs. C. G. Carter is visiting in Irma this week.

Mr. C. L. Holt visited his old friend Dr. York at Provost Alta. last week-end.

At the Remembrance Day service at Irma the collection in aid of T.B. veterans amounted to \$25.70 and has been forwarded to the proper authorities.

Lawrence Johnston and Archie Bacon left last Wednesday morning to work in the bush for the winter.

The annual meeting of the Irma Ladies Aid will be held Thursday afternoon Dec. 13th, in the United church. This is a very important meeting and a full attendance of members is requested and visitors are always welcome.

The Irma branch of the Can. Legion passed a resolution at their meeting last Tuesday evening endorsing the action of the Irma and District Board of Trade in petitioning the minister of Public Health, Hon. Dr. Cross to establish a hospital at Irma.

Mrs. Wilfred Sanders is in the Hardisty hospital for medical attention.

Mrs. Arthur Peterson has returned to Irma for a short stay with members of her family.

Mrs. Robert Maguire of Edmonton is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McMillan.

Due to the mild spell of weather, the ice in the skating and curling rinks is hardly fit for games. We may be sure however, there will be plenty of cold weather before spring.

This mild weather should give the miners a chance to catch up on coal orders.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. De Tro were home from Edmonton for a visit last week-end.

FOR SALE

Johnson Iron Horse four cycle washing machine in good running condition.—Mrs. W. R. Dawson, Irma. 6p

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To my place, Sec. 18-45-9, one red 2 year old steer with white face and horns. M. J. Reitan, Irma. 6-13p

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A dinette set complete with buffet, drop leaf table and four chairs, all in good condition. Mrs. R. Dempsey, Irma. 9-13c

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T.B. Questions and Answers

Supplied by the Alberta Tuberculosis Association, Calgary

Edited by F. H. Heise, M.D.

National Tuberculosis Association

Q. How many types of tuberculosis are there which affect the human race?

A. Tuberculosis in the human may be caused by tubercle bacilli of the human or bovine strains. The latter usually cause disease outside the lungs, especially in children, but may also cause TB in the lungs.

Q. Is it true that few people contract first or primary infection after the age of 20?

A. Probably few city dwellers are infected with tubercle for the first time after the 20th year. Rural dwellers, after moving to the city after the age of 20, may receive their first infection after this age, as exposure is more likely.

Q. Is there any danger of infection from exchanging books with a tuberculosis patient?

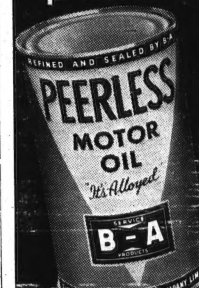
A. Unless the patient is very careless about coughing, there should be no great danger. The hands should be washed thoroughly before eating, and the fingers should not be moistened to help turn the pages.

Q. Is it advisable to allow children under 12 to visit in a sanatorium?

A. A sanatorium should be as free from danger of infection as any place on earth. However if the youngster is permitted to associate with patients who have positive sputum, infection may occur.

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